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the Legislature. I want to discuss with you just a little bit about what we're talking here. The way I understand what is going to happen, the way the records are kept now on keno every sheet that is filled out, I'm not a keno player, so this is kind of new to me, you have to keep the hard copy on file. That...that contributes a lot of space where the tickets have to be kept. It takes five minutes to make sure that the boards are clean and before they can start another new game. With this procedure it won't take as long in between games. The way it is now it's my understanding that you can bet any amount you want to on a game. Under this proposal you would only be able to wager \$1 at a time. So actually this is restricting keno a little bit on the amount that a person can bet, if I am explaining this in the right way, which I think I am. It is actually making keno a little bit more restrictive. You will be able to wager more often but less dollars in this situation, that's about the best way that I can explain it to you on the floor. If anyone else would like to comment on that, I'd try to answer any other questions that you may have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Mr. Clerk, item on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, priority motion. Senator Jensen would move to bracket LB 659 until March 13 of 2000.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Jensen, you're recognized to open on your motion to bracket LB 659.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. This motion to bracket this is because I have made a request of the Attorney General to look at the constitutionality of LB 659 and now LB 650 (sic--LB 560). Would you pass these out, please? I have the pages passing out a sheet right now that talks about the AG's Opinions in the last few years, particularly on electronic devices and electronic enhancement of our gambling. You probably all know that I am an opponent to expanding gambling, but I really have a concern that, as we move into electronics and into enhanced machines, such as an enhanced keno machine, that we get very close to a situation where we could open up the door for slot machines. And, in light of that, I have asked the Attorney General to review the Opinions that he